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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2738

C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 2050

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.), AS
SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE AT END OF VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

1. FOREIGN OFFICE CHECKED INFORMALLY WITH EMBASSY ON THURSDAY
TO INQUIRE WHETHER ANY THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO A JOINT COMMUNI-
QUE AT THE END OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO CANBERRA.

2. EMBASSY REPLIED THAT, INsofar AS WE KNEW, NONE HAD, AND
THAT NORMAL US PREFERENCE WAS TO AVOID FORMAL COMMUNIQUE. WE
STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT WE WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS
POINT AND OFFERED TO CHECK IMMEDIATELY WITH WASHINGTON. DFA
ASKED US NOT TO UNTIL THEY COULD CHECK WITH PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE (WHERE QUESTION APPARENTLY ORIGINATED) TO SEE HOW STRONGLY
THEY SHOULD PUSH FOR IT.

3. WE ARE NOW INFORMED THAT THE GOA WOULD DEFINITELY
LIKE A JOINT COMMUNIQUE, AND WILL BE INSTRUCTING AUSTRALIAN
AMBASSADOR RENOUF TO RAISE THE MATTER WHEN HE SEES THE VICE
PRESIDENT NEXT WEEK. WE TOLD DFA WE WOULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT
AND ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS, INCLUDING VIEWS ON LIKELY
SUBJECTS SHOULD A COMMUNIQUE BE AGREED UPON. OUR
INFORMAL AND UNINSTRUCTED REACTION WAS THAT IF THERE
WAS TO BE ONE AT ALL, IT SHOULD HAVE SOME MEAT ON IT.
FOOD AND ENERGY PROBLEMS ARE CLEARLY POSSIBILITIES,
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AS ARE COMMENTS ON COOPERATIVE EXPLOITATION OF ANTARCTIC
RESOURCES, AND PERHAPS PERSPECTIVES ON THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND-STATES.

4. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.
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